Workers of Orient Peper Mill

4941 SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who have been thrownout of employment following the closure of the Orient Paper Mill, Brajrajnagar, Orissa;

(b) whether most of these restricted workers have not been paid their wages;

(c) if so, the ..amount of wages outstanding against each worker and by Government; and

(d) the steps taken to safeguard the interest of these workers? THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Labour & Employment Department, State Government of Orissa, dis-allowed the grant of permission for closure of M/s Orient Paper Mill on'25.2.99.

(c) and (d) Questions not arise since there is no closuie or retrenchment.

Contract Labour in PSUs, Central and State Government

4942. SHRI VIJAY. J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of contract labour in PSUs Central and State Government and Private Secter as per latest available estimates;

(b)whether it is a fact that over the past one, decade, the number.of con tract labour even on regular and perennial operations in Government/PSUs have increased by leaps and bound while the service and working conditions of these contract workers continue to deteriorate in practice; and

(c) whether Government have surveyed the Conditions dfcoriiraet labour recently and details thereof for appropriate policy initiative and appropriate nabiraidrneats/revision to the Contract Labour Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) tq (c) The Central Government as well as the State Governments are the "appropriate Government' for the purpose of implementation of the provisions of the Contract Labour